GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Development projects are taken up without adequate project preparation leading to delays and cost overruns;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether fund allocated for these projects are underutilised and due emphasis has not been given on quality ; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) No, Sir. Projects are being prepared by experienced consultants keeping in view the high standards of requirements for National Highway Development Project (NHDP).The projects are in various stages of preparation, award and implementation. No delays and cost overruns are expected and targets set for NHDP are expected to be achieved.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Funds allocated are being invested on projects and also being put to long term use, such as leveraging investment, debt servicing, etc. Due emphasis is being given on quality.

(d) Does not arise.